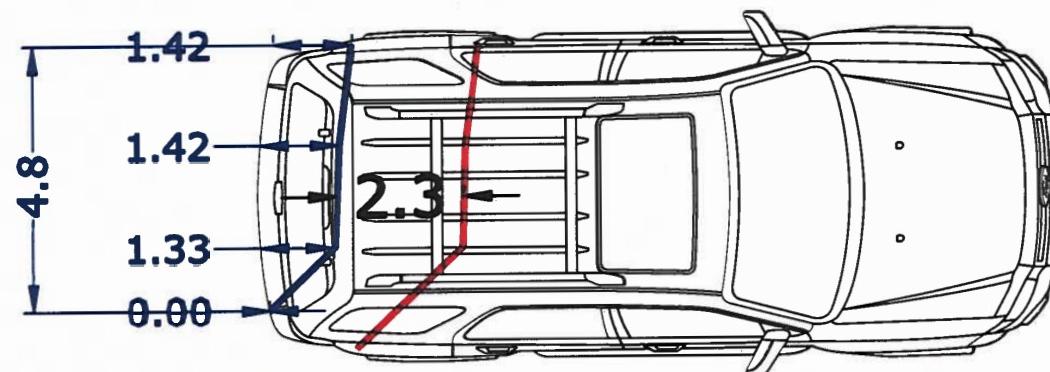


# EXHIBIT 23

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Calculated Stock Vehicle Crush

$\Delta\text{Crush} \approx -2.3 \text{ feet}$



2008 Ford Escape 4x2

Red: Accident Damage

Blue: Calculated Damage

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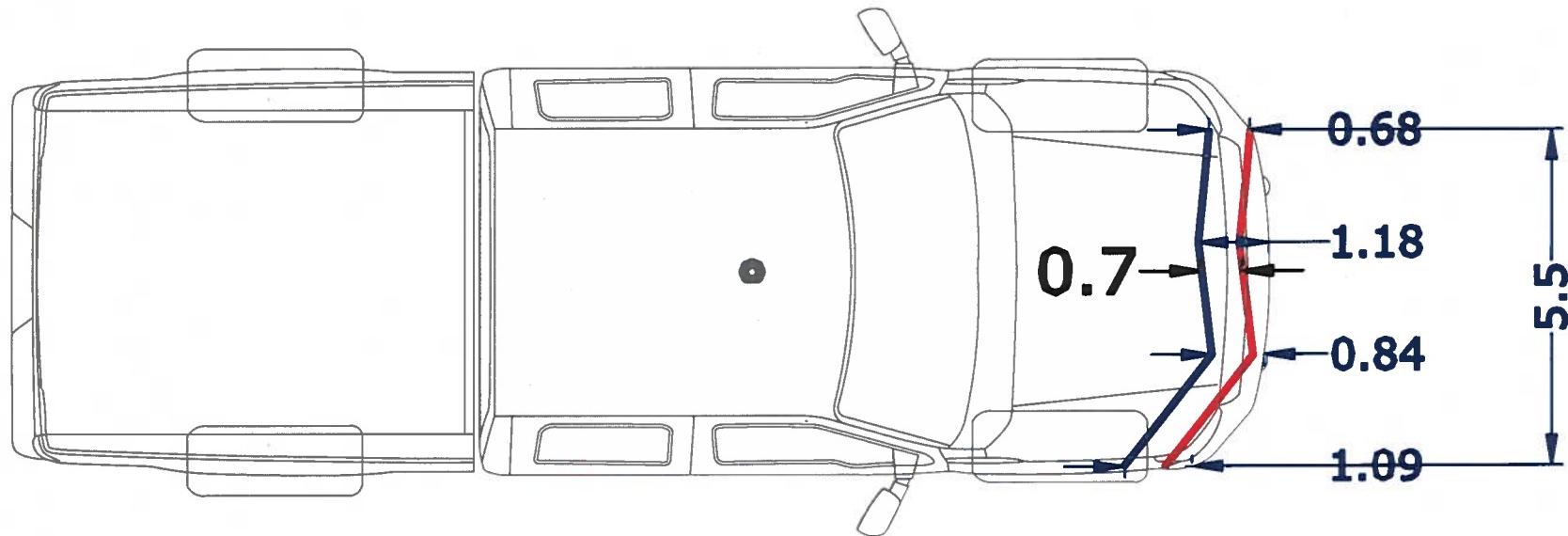
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EXHIBIT

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Calculated Stock Vehicle Crush

$\Delta\text{Crush} \approx +0.7 \text{ feet}$



2016 Ford F250 SD Crew Cab

Red: Accident Damage

Blue: Calculated Damage

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## 10519 - Crush from Closing Speed

SAE 2000-01-1318 Derivation of Closing Speed as a Function of Dissipated Energy  
Traffic Crash Reconstruction, Northwestern University Center for Public Safety

A

Vehicle 1: 2016 Ford F250 - Front

$$M_A := 8.1 \text{ in} = 0.7 \text{ ft}$$

$$A_A := 520 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in}}$$

$$B_A := 170 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in}^2}$$

$$W_A := 5.5 \text{ ft}$$

$$C1_A := 0 \text{ in} + M_A = 0.68 \text{ ft}$$

$$C2_A := 6 \text{ in} + M_A = 1.18 \text{ ft}$$

$$C3_A := 2 \text{ in} + M_A = 0.84 \text{ ft}$$

$$C4_A := 5 \text{ in} + M_A = 1.09 \text{ ft}$$

$$\theta_A := 0 \text{ deg}$$

$$G_A := \frac{A_A^2}{2 \cdot B_A}$$

$$c_{ave\_A} := \frac{1}{6} \cdot (C1_A + 2 \cdot C2_A + 2 \cdot C3_A + C4_A)$$

$$c_{square\_A} := \frac{1}{9} \cdot \left( C1_A^2 + 2 \cdot C2_A^2 + 2 \cdot C3_A^2 + C4_A^2 + C1_A \cdot C2_A + C2_A \cdot C3_A + C3_A \cdot C4_A \right)$$

$$\Theta_A := 1 + \tan(\theta_A)^2$$

$$E_A := W_A \cdot \left( A_A \cdot c_{ave\_A} + \frac{B_A}{2} \cdot c_{square\_A} + G_A \right) \cdot \Theta_A \quad E_B := W_B \cdot \left( A_B \cdot c_{ave\_B} + \frac{B_B}{2} \cdot c_{square\_B} + G_B \right) \cdot \Theta_B$$

### Crush Energies

$$E_A = (101.3 \cdot 10^3) \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lbf}$$

$$E_B = (121.1 \cdot 10^3) \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lbf}$$

$$ForceRatio := \frac{\left( \frac{W_A}{\cos(\theta_A)} \cdot (A_A + B_A \cdot c_{ave\_A}) \right)}{\left( \frac{W_B}{\cos(\theta_B)} \cdot (A_B + B_B \cdot c_{ave\_B}) \right)} = 1.00$$

**10519 - Crush from Closing Speed**

A

Vehicle 1: 2016 Ford F250

B

Vehicle 2: 2008 Ford Escape

Weight:

$$w_A := 8485 \text{ lbf}$$

$$w_B := 3743 \cdot \text{lbf}$$

Mass:

$$m_A := \frac{w_A}{g}$$

$$m_B := \frac{w_B}{g}$$

Restitution

$$e := 0.1$$

Closing Speed

$$E_c := (E_A + E_B)$$

$$V_c := \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot E_c \cdot (m_A + m_B)}{m_A \cdot m_B \cdot (1 - e^2)}}$$

$$V_c = 51 \text{ mph}$$

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**2010 FORD ESCAPE 4 DOOR 4X2 UTILITY**

Curb Weight:	3368	lbs.	1528	kg.
Curb Weight Distribution -	Front: 57	%	Rear: 43	%
Gross Vehicle Weight Rating:	4500	lbs.	2041	kg.
Number of Tires on Vehicle:	4			
Drive Wheels:	FRONT			

**Horizontal Dimensions**

	Inches	Feet	Meters
Total Length	175	14.58	4.44
wheelbase:	103	8.58	2.62
Front Bumper to Front Axle:	34	2.83	0.86
Front Bumper to Front of Front well:	15	1.25	0.38
Front Bumper to Front of Hood:	8	0.67	0.20
Front Bumper to Base of Windshield:	46	3.83	1.17
Front Bumper to Top of Windshield:	71	5.92	1.80
Rear Bumper to Rear Axle:	38	3.17	0.97
Rear Bumper to Rear of Rear well:	20	1.67	0.51
<b>Rear Bumper to Rear of Trunk:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.42</b>	<b>0.13</b>
Rear Bumper to Base of Rear Window:	6	0.50	0.15

**Width Dimensions**

Maximum Width:	71	5.92	1.80
Front Track:	61	5.08	1.55
Rear Track:	60	5.00	1.52

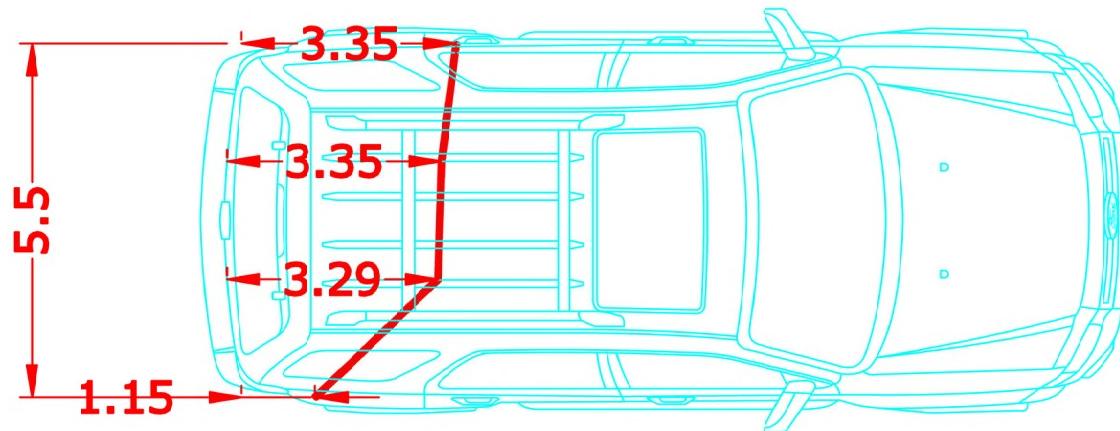
**Vertical Dimensions**

Height:	68	5.67	1.73
Ground to -			
Front Bumper (Top)	26	2.17	0.66
Headlight - center	34	2.83	0.86
Hood - top front:	41	3.42	1.04
Base of Windshield	46	3.83	1.17
Rear Bumper - top:	28	2.33	0.71
Trunk - top rear:	44	3.67	1.12
Base of Rear Window:	48	4.00	1.22

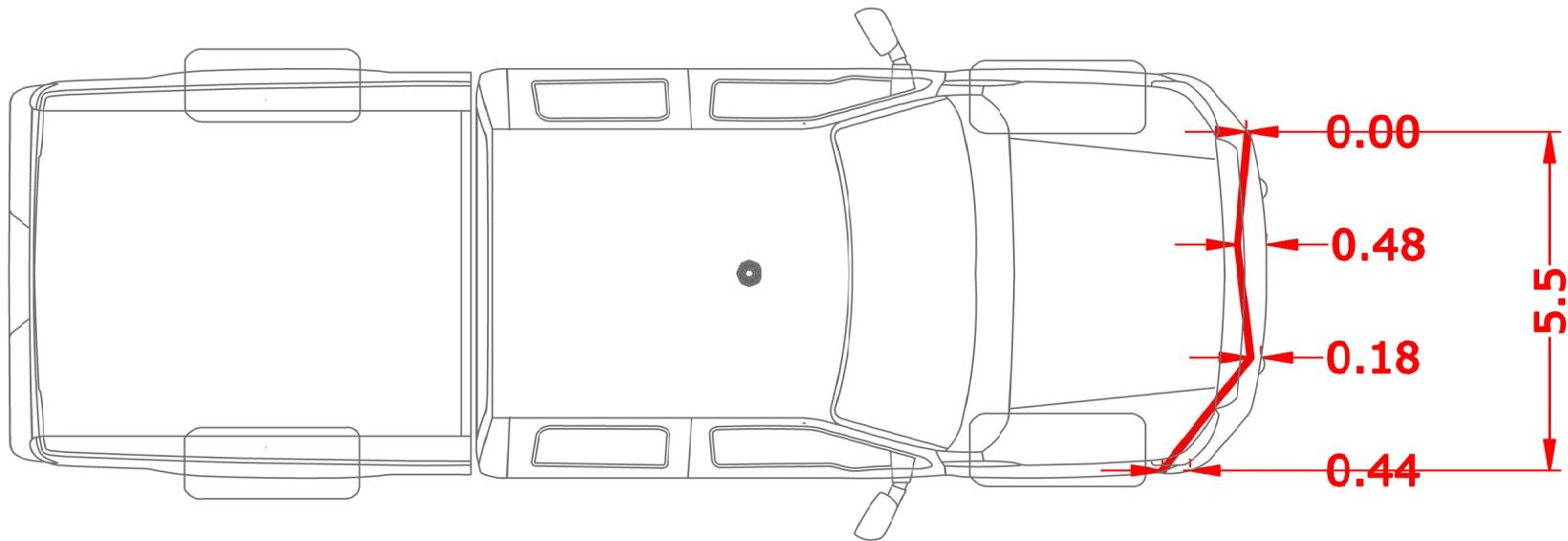
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# 2008 Ford Escape: Accident Crush



# 2016 Ford F250: Accident Crush



## Vehicle Crush Stiffness Coefficients

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REF NO.	YR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	TRAN	VIN	WB	WT	V-EFF	STRU	PDOF	%OL	#C's	DDW	FoBP	BBE	X_C	b0	b1	Kv	A	B	TEST#
PickF254A	12	FORD	F250 SuperCrew4Dr	PU	A4	1FT7W2B68CEA63185	172.4	7601	35.0	Front	0	100%	6	71.0	N/A	N/A	22.0	4.3	1.4	220	520	170	A:7623
*4/20/2013						Snd Weight	7008											4.50	Default Value For "b0"				

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## APPENDIX

Table A1. Front, rear and side stiffness values by class of passenger car. The mean, standard deviation (SD), and number of samples (n) for each category are given.

		Passenger Cars							
		Subcompact		Compact		Mid-Size		Large	
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Wheelbase (in)		96.7	4.5	100.6	3.3	107.1	2.7	112.4	3.0
Curb Weight (lb)		2363	399	2684	299	3190	263	3633	273
Front	A (lb/in)	230	29	253	35	292	38	282	40
	B (lb/in <sup>2</sup> )	79	13	87	19	98	20	87	21
	n	16		36		32		19	
Rear	A (lb/in)	202	78	193	45	213	48	182	26
	B (lb/in <sup>2</sup> )	73	44	56	21	59	25	37	4
	n	8		20		11		2	
Side	A (lb/in)	97	23	92	13	95	17	94	5
	B (lb/in <sup>2</sup> )	73	33	65	14	59	18	51	6
	n	2		9		16		6	

Table A2. Front, rear and side stiffness values by class of light truck. The mean, standard deviation (SD), and number of samples (n) for each category are given.

		Light Trucks									
		Small Pickup		Standard Pickup		SUV		Van		Minivan	
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Wheelbase Min(in)		105.9	2.7	118.5	8.6	107.8	9.5	130.5	7.0	115.4	3.7
Wheelbase Max(in)		121.8	8.0	134.5	9.9	109.4	9.8	144.3	8.1	117.5	3.4
Curb Weight (lb)		2978	391	4097	832	4235	858	4779	464	3900	390
Front	A (lb/in)	290	45	341	91	381	61	390	10	330	64
	B (lb/in <sup>2</sup> )	109	26	122	52	137	42	150	15	108	28
	n	6		25		48		4		12	
Rear	A (lb/in)	237	14	241	86	410	110	No data available		347	110
	B (lb/in <sup>2</sup> )	77	10	74	38	177	71			136	79
	n	4		5		9				4	
Side	A (lb/in)	120	N/A	149	16	147	49	No data available		94	4
	B (lb/in <sup>2</sup> )	92	N/A	92	16	112	49			47	0
	n	1		3		10				2	



# Increase in Vehicle Front, Rear and Side Stiffness Coefficients in the Past Twenty Years Necessitates New Representative Database

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## Abstract

When vehicle-specific stiffness coefficients cannot be acquired, stiffness coefficient values that are representative of the desired vehicle type, class, wheelbase or weight are routinely used for accident reconstructions. Since the original compilation of representative vehicle stiffness data almost 20 years ago, changes in crash testing standards and other safety and technological improvements in vehicular design have affected vehicle stiffness. While generic frontal stiffness data have been recently updated to reflect these vehicular changes, rear and side stiffness data have not. Structural, geometric and inertial data for over 300 passenger cars and light trucks were collected. Among the vehicles targeted were the top-selling cars, SUVs, vans and pickups for model years 1990 to 2012. Results indicated that all vehicle types demonstrated increases in mean stiffness over the time period considered. SUVs were, on average, the stiffest vehicle type in the front, rear and side. There was a correlation between vehicle wheelbase and stiffness, with longer vehicles having greater stiffness than shorter vehicles. Vehicle class also affected stiffness. In the front and rear, mid-size passenger cars had the greatest mean "A" and "B" stiffness coefficients of all passenger cars. By contrast to the front and rear, mean side stiffness of all passenger cars classes was similar. In conclusion, the updated structural stiffness and geometric data presented here for the front, rear and side, provide an accurate representation of today's market for use in crash reconstructions.

and "B" stiffness coefficients correspond to the force (per inch of damage width [lb/in]) that is required to initiate permanent damage and the ensuing linear stiffness (crush resistance) associated with the residual crush depth (per inch of damage width [lb/in<sup>2</sup>]), respectively (Fig. 1).

For practical implementation of this method, vehicle stiffness coefficients that are applicable to the vehicle under consideration must be obtained. Often, stiffness coefficients for specific vehicles are available directly from various publicly-accessible databases (e.g., Neptune Inc., ARC Network, StiffCalcs) or can be calculated from data associated with controlled crash tests. However, periodically, vehicle-specific stiffness coefficients cannot be acquired. Under these conditions, stiffness coefficient values that are representative of the desired vehicle type, class, wheelbase or weight are routinely used.

The original compilation of representative vehicle stiffness data was published almost 20 years ago [6]. Over this time period, vehicle type, governmental and private safety standards, along with manufacturing processes and materials have evolved, influencing structural stiffness properties. Specifically, vehicles have tended, on average, to become larger and heavier; unibody design/construction has increased; and pickups and sport utility vehicles (SUV) have become a greater percentage of the vehicle fleet. For example, the average curb weight of passenger cars has steadily increased from a low of 2,805 lbs in 1987 to 3,239 lbs in 2004 [7]. Similarly, the average weight of light trucks (including pickups and sport utilities) has increased from 3,797 lbs to 4,802 lbs from 1987 to 2004. Crash testing standards have also changed since the mid-1990's, with the addition of new tests such as the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's frontal offset deformable barrier test in 1995. Vehicular design changes are driven, in part, by changes in such standards, as well as other safety and technological improvements [8]. Thus, representative structural stiffness coefficients derived from a population of pre-1996 vehicles may

## Introduction

To quantify the energy needed to cause residual crush deformation to a vehicle during a collision, a mathematical vehicle structure model can be used [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]. This is a well-accepted means to assess fundamental collision parameters, including the pre-impact collision speed and vehicle change-in-velocity ("delta-V"). The specific structural parameters required for damaged-based reconstruction are referred to as the "A" and "B" stiffness coefficients. These "A"

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